

**TOP SECRET**

02264

Approved For Release 2004/03/23 : CIA-RDP82-00400R000300020076-9

IAC-D-57/14

7 September 1955

Post-Mortem on NIE 11-6-55: Probable Intelligence

Warning of Soviet Attack on the US Through

Mid-1953, dated 1 July 1955

I. Findings

1. NIE 11-6-55, approved by the IAC on 1 July 1955, was essentially an updating of the previous warning estimate, SNIE 11-8-54. In coordinating this estimate primary disagreement continued to center around the degree of specific advance warning intelligence was likely to provide under various scales of air attack. On one point the Air Force entered a formal dissent. Disagreement stemmed primarily from divergences in view as to the current and probable future Soviet capabilities for surprise air attack, and the nature and extent of the problems inherent in interpreting warning indicators.

2. In many respects this NIE involves questions of judgment or estimates of future capabilities upon which little or no factual evidence can be brought to bear. However, there are certain significant

25X6

4. The nature and degree of warning is also affected by operational factors, such as aerial reconnaissance and other surveillance, which were not fully explored.

Approved For Release 2004/03/23 : CIA-RDP82-00400R000300020076-9

**TOP SECRET**

25X6

Approved For Release 2004/03/23 : CIA-RDP82-00400R000300020076-9

Approved For Release 2004/03/23 : CIA-RDP82-00400R000300020076-9

~~Approved For Release 2004/03/23 : CIA-RDP82-00400R000300020076-9~~

ONE

ATTENTION: This form will be placed on top of and attached to each Top Secret document received by the Central Intelligence Agency or classified Top Secret within the CIA and will remain attached to the document until such time as it is downgraded, destroyed, or transmitted outside of CIA. Access to Top Secret matter is limited to Top Secret Control personnel and those individuals whose official duties relate to the matter. Top Secret Control Officers who receive and/or release the attached Top Secret material will sign this form and indicate period of custody in the left-hand columns provided. Each individual who sees the Top Secret document will sign and indicate the date of handling in the right-hand columns.

SEEN BY

DATE

NOTICE OF DETACHMENT: When this form is detached from Top Secret material it shall be completed in the appropriate spaces below and transmitted to Central Top Secret Control for record.

Approved For Release 2004/03/23 : CIA-RDP82-00400R000300020076-9

~~SECRET~~

IAC-D-57/13

7 September 1955

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Post-Mortem on NIE 31 Series

1. On 7 September, the IAC noted the attached findings and approved the action set forth in paragraph 4.
2. The IAC agencies are therefore requested to take appropriate steps to comply.



Secretary

25X1

~~SECRET~~